

SENATOR SYAS: All right.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Yeah, I think you're correct though.

SENATOR SYAS: That's just to pass the bill, that's what I'm getting at.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Because technically I think this is, the question will revolve itself around whether or not this is a new department and I believe it is because we used to have it then we went to Institutions and now it is separating into a new department.

SENATOR SYAS: I think you're going to have 30 or 33, I've forgotten which to set up a new department.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: We'll check and see what it is. That's correct.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion of the amendment? Question is, shall the Luedtke amendment be adopted? All those in favor please say aye, those opposed say no. Amendment is adopted then. Are there other amendments now to 563? All right, Senator Luedtke we're back to you.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Now, Mr. President, I just want to also mention that the fiscal office has worked very hard on this particular matter. On May 4 a note was left you which, this will more properly deal with 563A which is an A-bill but not for the purposes of spending any money out of the General Fund but for the purposes of transferring the funds from the Department of Institutions to the new Department of Corrections and, or Correctional Services as it is called in the bill. So I just mention this that there is no fiscal impact as such for this year, that it can be set up. You will note that they have explained in this memorandum of May 4 from the fiscal office how this is possible. I just would say then, very briefly, in closing that this bill will centralize all of the correctional work under one correctional head and will not be having the Department of Institutions Director split his work between mental health and penal and correctional matters. It is, as I say, becoming increasingly important that the individual who is dealing with corrections spend full time in dealing with corrections and we would urge that this bill be passed at this time so that we can work with the necessary personnel to get the correctional, the new correctional programs underway as rapidly as possible. Senator Marvel said this morning that the brick and mortar is one thing and it's very important as we just indicated a few moments ago, however, the personnel, the treatment of personnel, the training of personnel, the administration of penal and correctional matters is even more important because this is the human relationships dealing with people that we must do in order to stop recidivism and return people to society as useful beings in society.

PRESIDENT: Any other discussion now on LB 563 as amended? Question is, shall LB 563 then be advanced from General File to E & R Initial? All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote no. Motion is to advance LB 563. You are voting on the motion to advance LB 563 from General File to E & R Initial as amended. Have you all voted? Clerk will record.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 2 nays, 19 not voting.

PRESIDENT: The bill is advanced. Brings up for General File debate then 563A.

CLERK: Reads title of LB 563A.

PRESIDENT: Senator Luedtke.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Mr. President, I move that LB 563A be advanced